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A patient with migraine, positive MR and PFO: what to do?

“The Solution”

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To summarize:

- Woman, 50 years old with multi - infarct encephalopathy
(and pre-existing migraine)
- No evident causes of left circulation thromboembolism
 - Low probability of paroxysmic atrial fibrillation
- Patent foramen ovale with mostly latent right-left shunt
 - (no anatomical risk features)

1) Which is the probability that PFO has a relevant role in this observed clinical picture ?

2) Which is the likelihood that the observed event will recur ?

WHICH CHOICE HAS THE HIGHEST BENEFIT-RISK RATIO FOR THIS PATIENT?

Which is the probability that PFO has a relevant role in this observed clinical picture ?

- As in most cases the role of PFO remains elusive

Patient characteristics:

Rope Score : 5 (0-10)

Table 4 RoPE score calculator

Characteristic	Points	RoPE score
No history of hypertension	1	
No history of diabetes	1	
No history of stroke or TIA	1	
Nonsmoker	1	
Cortical infarct on imaging	1	
Age, y		
18-29	5	
30-39	4	
40-49	3	
50-59	2	
60-69	1	
≥70	0	
Total score (sum of individual points)		
Maximum score (a patient <30 y with no hypertension, no diabetes, no history of stroke or TIA, nonsmoker, and cortical infarct)		10
Minimum score (a patient ≥70 y with hypertension, diabetes, prior stroke, current smoker, and no cortical infarct)		0

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CHARACTERISTICS of PFO

High risk PFO ?

- Atrial septal aneurism
- Moderate to severe shunt
- PFO size > 2 mm
- Atrial septal hypermobility



IMAGING STROKE PATTERNS

Examining the Lacunar Hypothesis With Diffusion and Perfusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging

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Conclusion—DWI and PWI altered the final diagnosis of infarct pathogenesis from small perforating artery occlusion to large artery embolism in 13 of 19 patients presenting with lacunar syndromes. Lacunes cannot be reliably diagnosed on clinical grounds. (*Stroke*. 2002;33:2019-2024.)

Lesion patterns in patients with cryptogenic stroke with and without right-to-left-shunt

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Conclusion: We found no association between an ischaemic lesion pattern that is considered as being typical for stroke due to cardiac embolism and the existence of PFO. Therefore, our findings do not provide any support for the common theory of paradoxical embolism as a major cause of stroke in PFO carriers.



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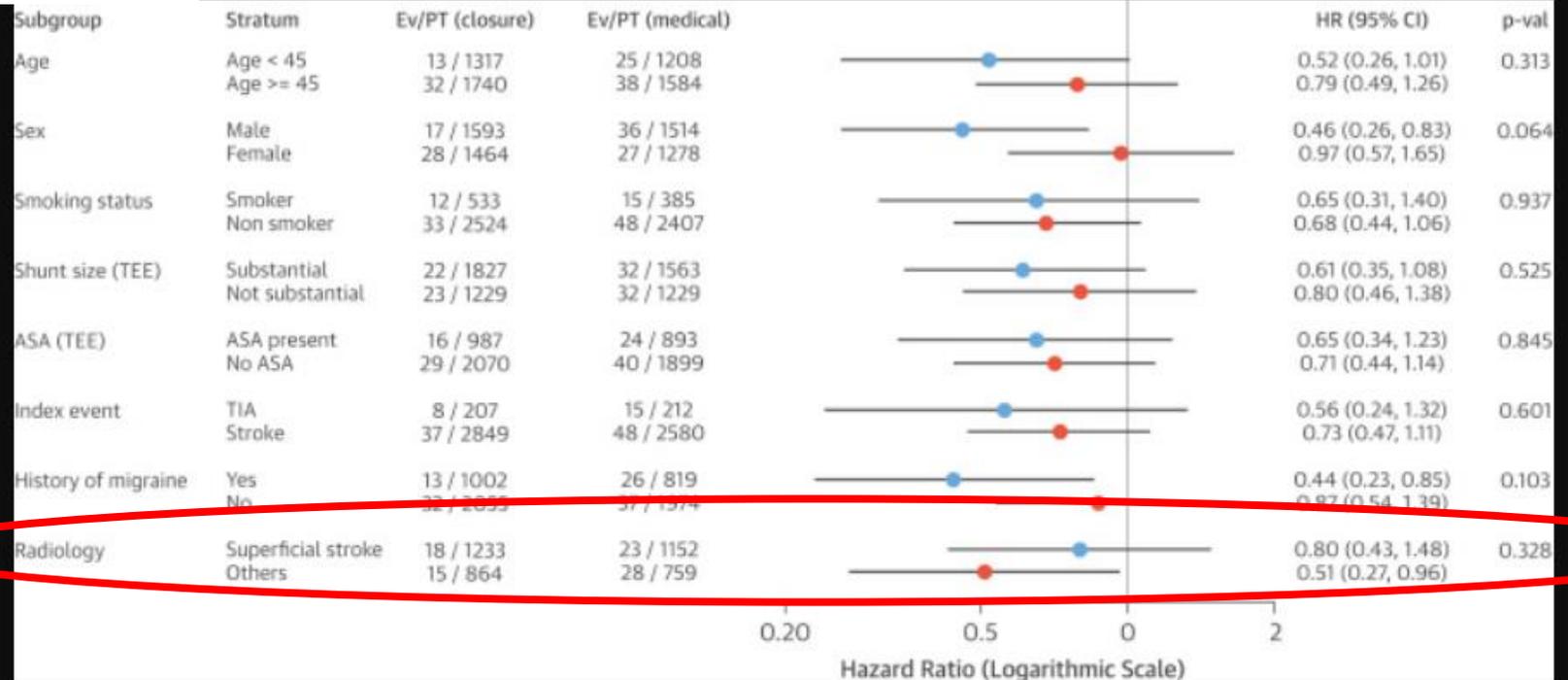
Device Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale After Stroke



Pooled Analysis of Completed Randomized Trials

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Which is the likelihood that the observed event will recur ?



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FASTTRACK CLINICAL RESEARCH

Disease management

Percutaneous closure of patent foramen ovale in migraine with aura, a randomized controlled trial

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Table 2 Primary endpoint, change in migraine with and without aura days, and secondary endpoints, change in migraine attacks with aura or without aura, and change of days with acute migraine medication use

Type of endpoint	Randomization assignment	Number	Mean at baseline	Mean at months 10–12	Mean reduction, [95% CI] ^a	SD (min., max.)	P-Value
Migraine with and without aura days (= primary endpoint)	PFO closure	40	8.0	5.1	−2.9 [−4.4, −1.4]	4.7 (−11.7, 9)	0.1682
	Control	41	8.3	6.5	−1.7 [−2.5, −1.0]	2.4 (−6.3, 3.5)	
Migraine attacks with or without aura ^b	PFO closure	40	5.2	3.1	−2.1 [−2.8, −1.3]	2.4 (−7.8, 2.00)	0.0970
	Control	41	5.3	4.0	−1.3 [−1.8, −0.8]	1.7 (−5.0, 1.7)	
Days with acute migraine medication use	PFO closure	50	29.4	15.6	−13.9 [−19.1, −8.7]	18.3 (−70.0, 24.0)	0.1232
	Control	52	28.1	19.8	−8.3 ± [−13.3, −3.4]	17.8 (−51.0, 42)	

Statistical Analyses*	
Comparison Between Implant and Control Arms (95% CI)	P
6% (−6.45–6.34)	1.0
−0.45 (−0.16–1.05)	0.14
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1 (−11–10)	0.88
...	...
1 (−5–6)	0.79
...	...
0 (−3–2)	0.77
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PFO, patent foramen ovale; Max, maximum; Min, minimum; CI, confidence interval; SD, standard deviation.

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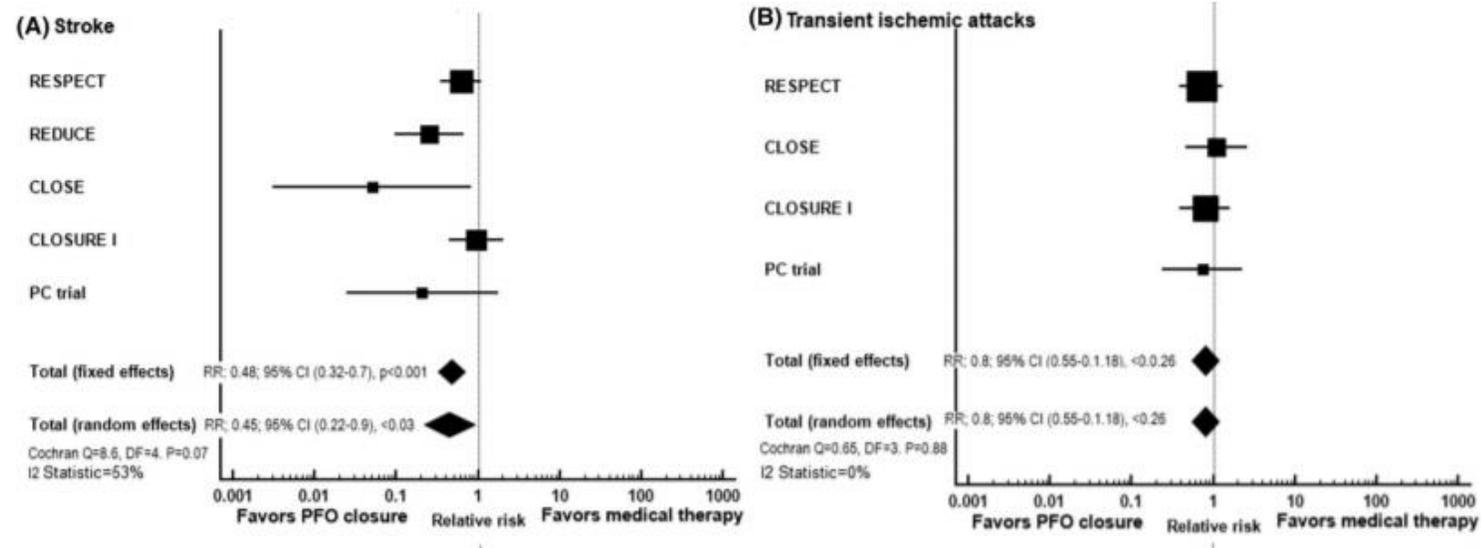
Which is the likelihood that the observed event will recur ?

Patent foramen ovale closure versus medical therapy in cases with cryptogenic stroke, meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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The risk of in the incidence of stroke among the PFO closure group compared to medical therapy group, 2.0 %versus 4.2%. There was no signifcant difference between both groups in the incidence of transient ischemic attacks or all-cause deaths.

Which is the likelihood that the observed event will recur ?

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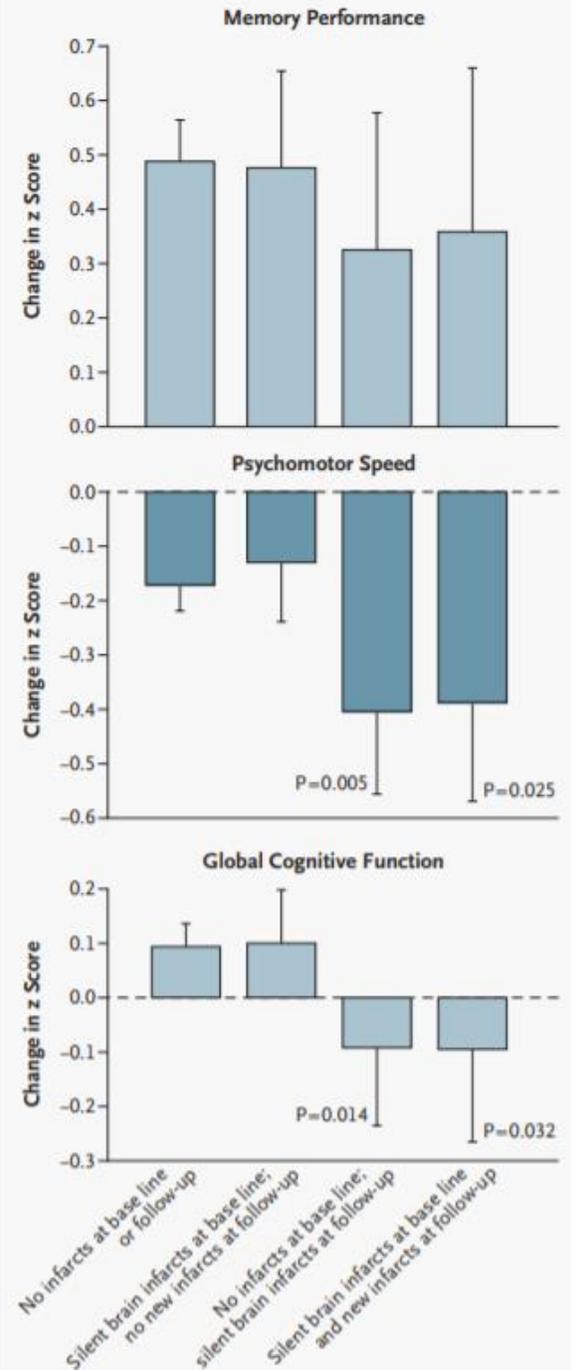
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Silent Brain Infarcts and the Risk of Dementia and Cognitive Decline

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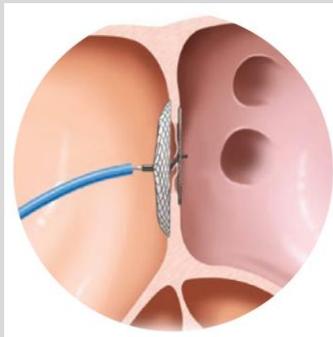
Table 3. Association between the Presence of Silent Brain Infarcts on Magnetic Resonance Imaging in 1995–1996 and Subsequent Cognitive Decline.*

Variable	Silent Brain Infarcts		
	All	Thalamic	Nonthalamic
		<i>decline in z score (95% CI)</i>	
Memory performance	-0.01 (-0.16 to 0.15)	-0.50 (-0.87 to -0.13)	0.06 (-0.10 to 0.23)
Psychomotor speed	-0.19 (-0.34 to -0.04)	-0.11 (-0.36 to 0.13)	-0.20 (-0.36 to -0.05)
Global cognitive function	-0.15 (-0.27 to -0.02)	-0.28 (-0.50 to -0.06)	-0.13 (-0.26 to 0.001)



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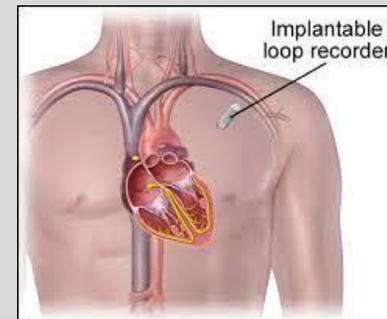
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**Medical
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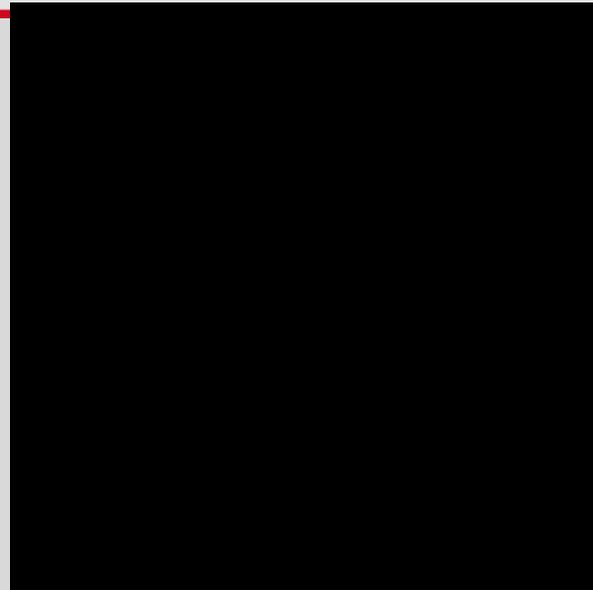
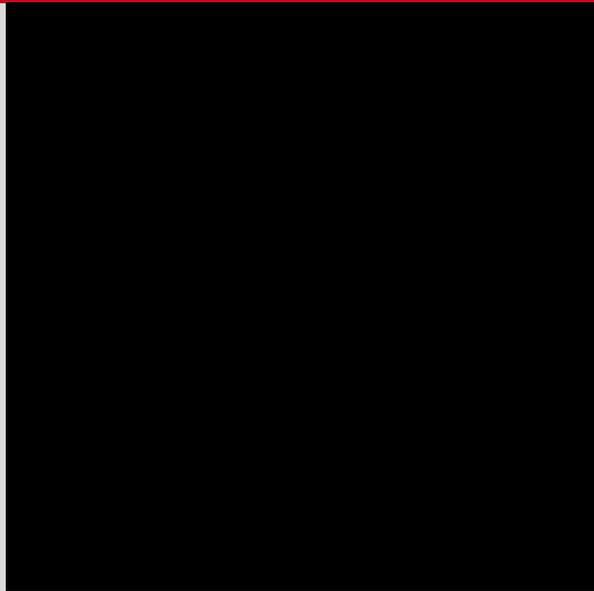
**Watchful
waiting**



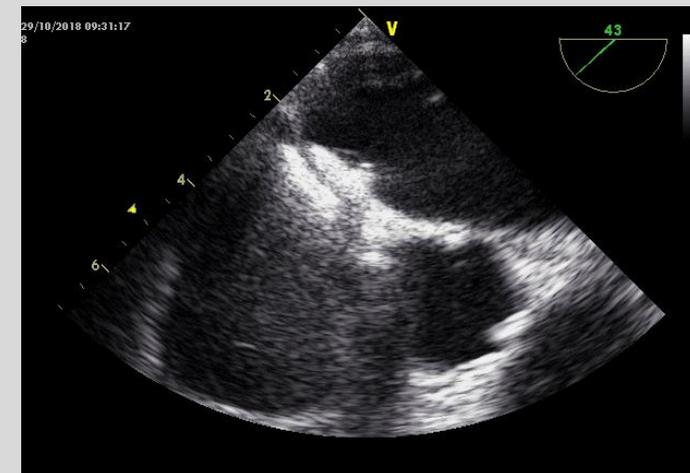
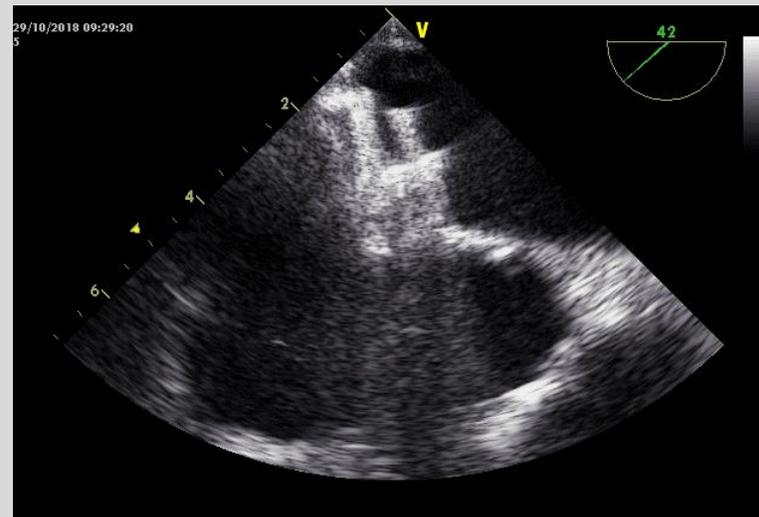
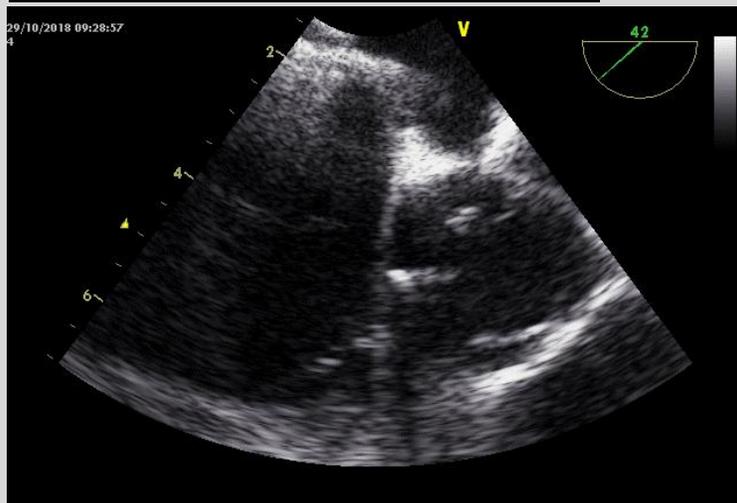


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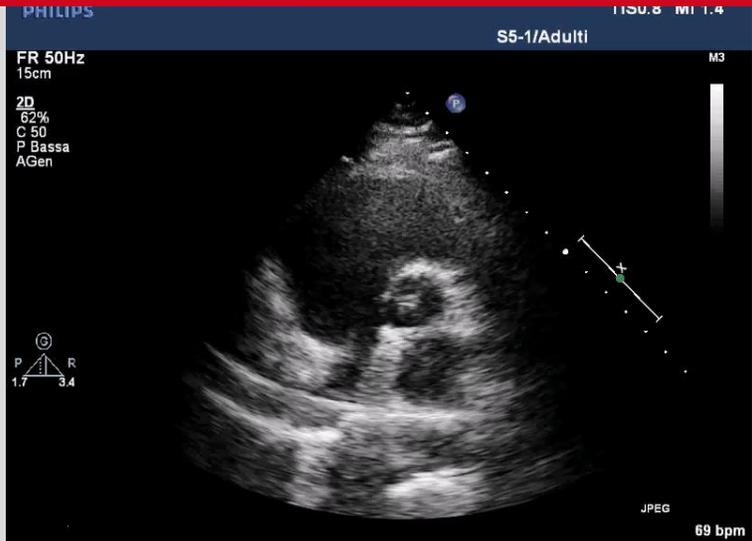
- Clopidogrel 300 mg pre-operatively
- Femoral right vein access
- Midazolam 6,25 mg ev
- Cefazolin 1 gr ev (at 4 h and 8 h)





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Patient was discharged the day after:

- ASA long-lfe
- Clopidogrel 75 mg for three months
- Recommendation for endocarditis prophylaxis

Planned Follow up:

- TT echo at 1 month
- TT echo + TCD at 6 months
- TT echo at 12 months



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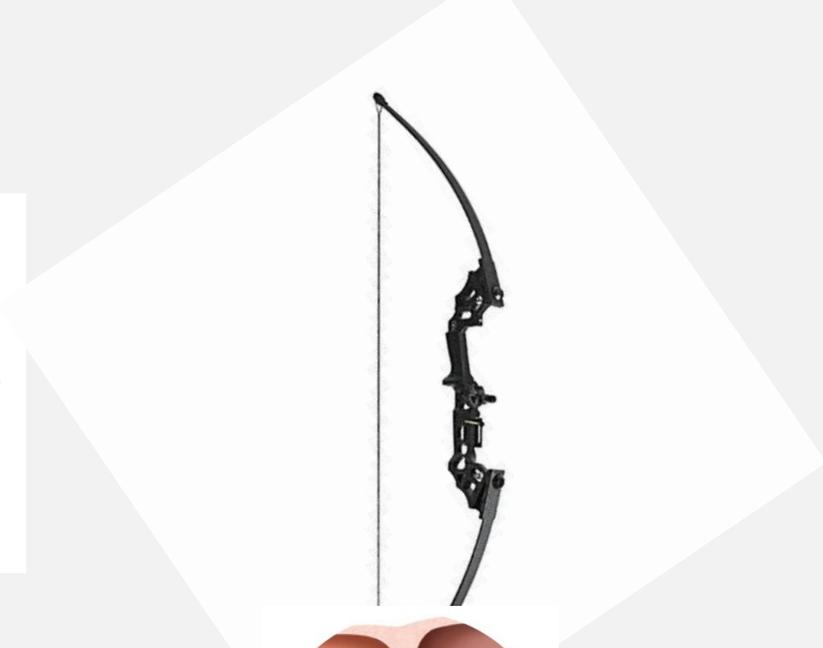
ONE YEAR FOLLOW-UP

Patients feels well

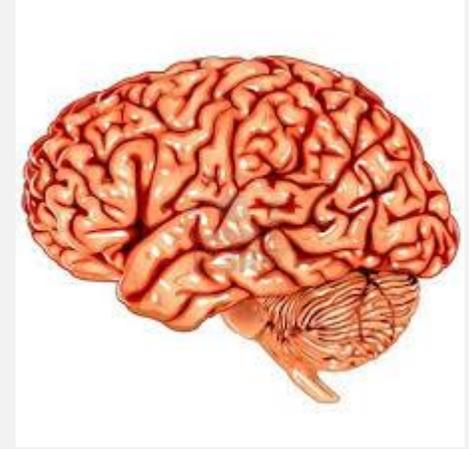
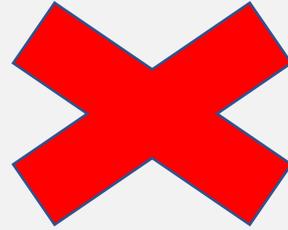
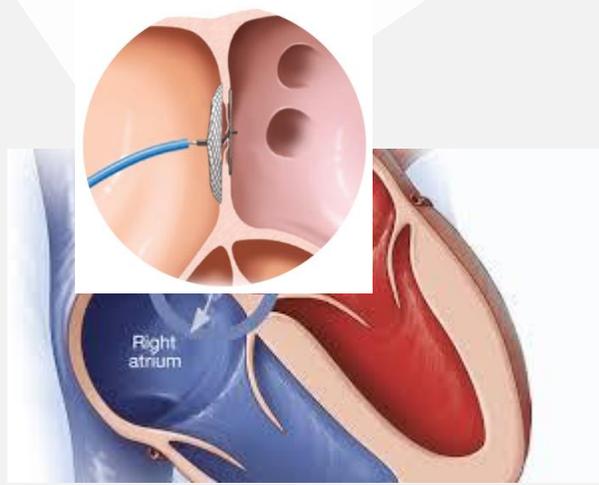
No long-term side effects related to procedure or device

Brain





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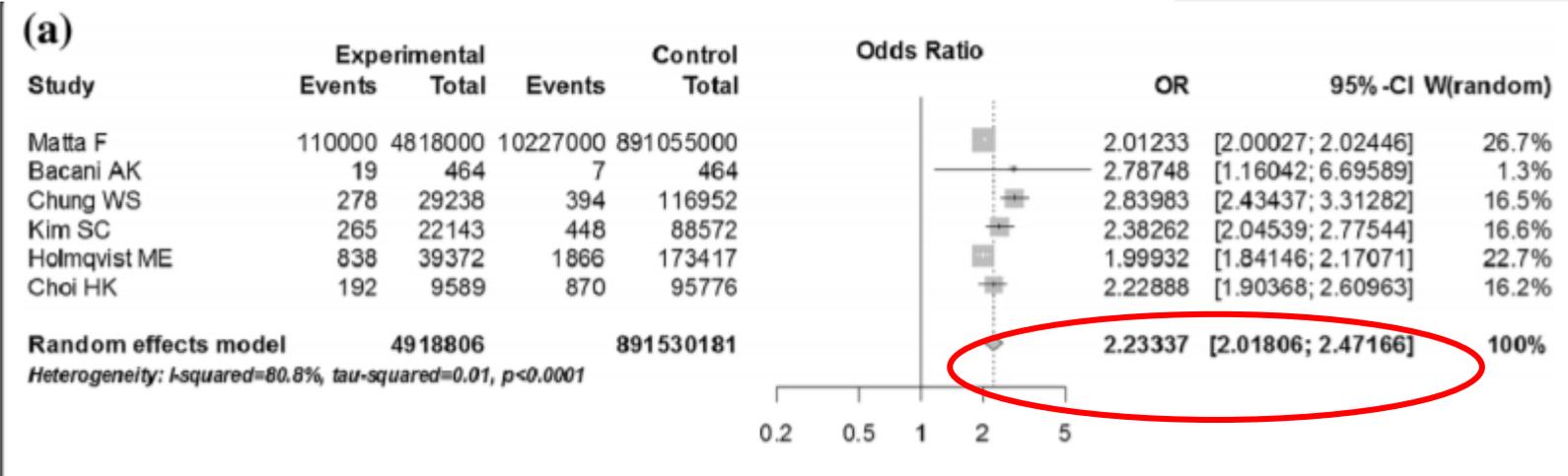
Cardiovascular risk factors : Hypertension + Dyslipidemia

General anamnesis: rheumatoid arthritis, hypothyroidism, **migraine without aura since 20 years old**, previous minor surgery, contraceptive spiral with hormonal release

Any remarkable cardiological anamnesis

A meta-analysis of the risk of venous thromboembolism in inflammatory rheumatic diseases

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Studies that included rheumatoid arthritis comprised an aggregate of 5,273,942 patients and 891,530,181 controls with a cumulative VTE incidence of 2.18% (95% confidence interval (CI): 1.82% to 2.54%) and an **odds ratio of 2.23 (95% CI: 2.02 to 2.47) compared to age- and sex-matched populations**



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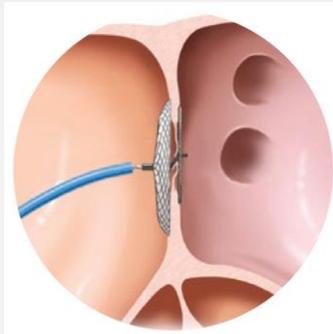
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Association Between Low-Dose Rivaroxaban With or Without Aspirin and Ischemic Stroke Subtypes A Secondary Analysis of the COMPASS Trial

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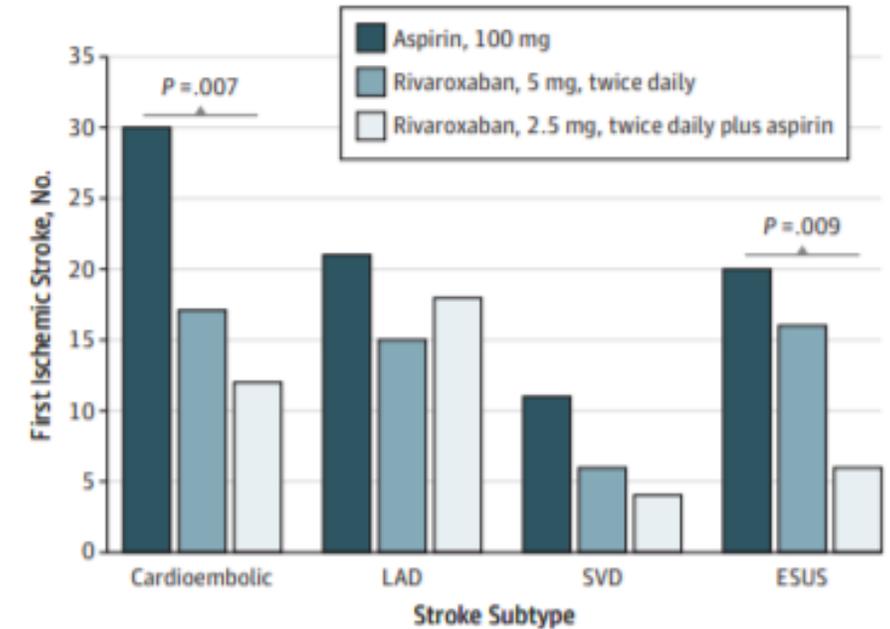


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For patients with systemic atherosclerosis, low-dose rivaroxaban plus aspirin was associated with large, significant reductions in cardioembolic strokes and embolic strokes of undetermined source



ESUS indicates embolic stroke of undetermined source; LAD, large artery disease; and SVD, small vessel disease.

There were significantly fewer cardioembolic strokes (hazard ratio [HR], 0.40 [95% CI, 0.20-0.78]; $P = .005$) and embolic strokes of undetermined source (HR, 0.30 [95% CI, 0.12-0.74]; $P = .006$) in the combination therapy group compared with the aspirin-only group

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

**È meglio un gatto tra
due topi, che un
malato tra due medici**

***We don't have
enough evidence,
we trust our
experience***

